

The CLAN CALL

By Hapsburg Liebe

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country where I wouldn't be considered a— a savage, y'know.

"I went out to the train-shed, and I hadn't been there a minute when Bobby McLaughlin came. I asked him how he knew where to find me. He said:

"I thought you wouldn't care to stay here after doing what you did, and I wanted to say good-by, Bill." He always called me that, and it made me feel like a man. Then I put my bag down and took him by both shoulders and told him this:

"Look here, Bobby, I'm going to give you some advice, and you take it. You steal Pat and marry her. Steal Pat and marry her if you have to live in a hole in a hillside. You're as good as any of them, and lots better than most of them. You can work your way to a better salary, you see. I told him, 'we get about what we deserve in this world. Most of us don't deserve much.'

"I asked him if mother was badly cut up. He said she was; that she had fainted. Dad swore aloud, he said, there in church. I told Bobby good-by and got aboard the train without saying anything about where I was going—but I didn't know myself where I was going, at the time.

"Now you've heard it. Every word was truth. If you'll trust me with the coal, I'll make this land my land, your people my people. I'll suffer with you when you suffer, and be happy with you when you're happy; and when you fight, I'll fight with you."

The Moreland chief arose, and Bill Dale arose. The hillman put out his hand, and Dale gripped it.

"I believe in ye, Bill," said John Moreland. "Fo' another thing, I've seed ye fight. You can work the coal."

He looked toward the closed inner door and called, "Oh, Addie; you and the boys can come back now."

Out of the night a face appeared at one of the small windows. It was a feminine face and handsome rather than pretty. Two slender, sunburned hands gripped the window-ledge nervously. The face pressed closer to the glass, then disappeared. Soon afterward the outer door of the guest's room opened, and Ben Littleford's daughter entered. Her skirts were dripping wet.

Mrs. Moreland arose and went toward the young woman. She knew that only something of great importance could bring a Littleford into her home in this fashion.

"What's the matter, Babe?" Babe Littleford gave no attention to Mrs. Moreland. She went on to Bill Dale, walking softly on bare feet. "Black Adam is a-goin' to kill you tonight, Bill Dale."

"That so?" Dale's smile was rather grim. "How did you find that out, Miss Littleford?"

"I found it out, all right. As he went off from the river this mornin', I made fun of him; and he patted the stock of his rifle and said he'd git you through a window! He was at our house this evenin' to help fix pap's gun, and when he left he started this way, a-goin' by the blow-down sycamore. I waded the river at Blue Cat shoals to beat him here. I thought you might want to know about it, so's ye could mebbe save other folks the trouble o' makin' a funeral fo' ye."

She backed toward the door, her eyes never leaving Dale's face. Another second, and she was gone.

They were all on their feet now. John Moreland gripped Dale's arm.

"Over thar aside o' the chimney, Bill!" he ordered, his native drawl for the moment absent. "Out, Addie, honey! Luke, bring my rifle and hat—jump keen! Cale, bring water and drownd this here fire!"

It was done. Moreland took his hat and the repeater and went alone into the night.

When some fifteen minutes had passed, there came to Dale's ears the sound of shooting. There were ten shots in such rapid succession that they made almost a continuous roar. Then came echoes and reverberations, and then silence. Soon John Moreland let himself into the dark room.

His wife's voice was low and filled with anxiety:

"What happened, John?"

A dull thud came through the darkness as her husband's rifle-butt struck the floor.

"This is what happened, Addie: As I passed the cawner o' the house, I got down that thar old oxwhip to take along. I went across the road and into the meadow, and thar I seen Adam Ball a-comin'. I hid, and when Adam was about to pass me, I jumped up and jerked his rifle from him and busted it agin a rock. Then I lights in and thrashes him with the oxwhip ontel he broke and run. And 'en this here happened, Addie:

"I was a-watchin' to see if Adam had reely went off, when I seed a man a-comin' toward me fast. I thought it was Bill, o' course. So I up and tells him to show me how fast he can run and commences a-shootin' over his head to skeer him. But it didn't happen to be Adam Ball—it was Ben Littleford! He was a-follerin' Babe to see what she was up to, o' course."

"How do ye know it was Ben, pap?" Caleb asked.

"How do I know?" growled John Moreland. "When I got through a-shootin', he hollers at me and says:

"Tomorrow, John Moreland, he says, 'we'll have a little Gettysburg o' our own.' And I might mind ye, Cale, 'at he keeps his word the same as I do."

"And Littleford meant a—" began Dale.

"That'll be a big fight tomorrow," said Moreland. "Bill Dale, in a-makin' this land yore land and these people yore people, I'm a-feard ye're a-goin' to git more'n ye expected, mebbe more'n ye can handle. Do ye want to back out of it and let the coal go, or are ye one o' these fellers who chaws what they bites off of it's a hoss's head?"

"I'll stick," Dale's voice came firmly in the darkness. "I'll stick."

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VESTABURG

Sunday, March 19, being the 28th birthday of Hiram Bunker and the seventh birthday of his son, William, a complete surprise was given to Mr. Bunker and family when his sisters, Mrs. Muriel Tupper, and children, Mrs. Stella Welch, husband and children, and Mrs. Mamie Swick, husband and children came to his home in Vestaburg with well filled baskets to spend the day with Mr. Bunker and family in honor of his birthday anniversary.

A bounteous dinner was served at noon by the guests. After a very enjoyable day the relatives departed for their homes wishing Mr. Bunker and son, William, many more happy birthdays.

The young ladies class of the Church of Christ Sunday school taught by Mrs. Edna Hubbard and the young men's class of the same Sunday school, accompanied by their teacher, Earl Platt, were entertained at a class party Saturday evening by Miss Bessie Brown and brothers, Pat, and Bernie Brown, members of the classes, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown. The evening was spent very enjoyably socially and with games. Candy and popcorn was served.

The Sunday school class of girls of the Church of Christ of Vestaburg which is taught by Miss Adelaide Brown, and the boys class of the same church which is taught by Glenn Blough were entertained at a class party Saturday by the latter at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Blough. A very pleasant evening was spent playing games.

Mrs. Anna Hamlin is in ill health. Dewitt Murtaugh of Riverdale was a business caller in town Thursday.

Mrs. Maria Dyer entertained Mrs. Emma Brand of Buffalo, N. Y., on Thursday.

Mrs. Opal Owen and son of Forest Hill have been here visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Greer, and aunt, Mrs. Wm. Wartz.

Ernest Manley has built an office at the gasoline filling station at the Manley and Unger garage.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Briggs received word Monday from their son, Albert Briggs, that his wife, Lillian Briggs, had passed away at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fleck of Cleveland, Monday, March 20.

Attend the revival meetings being held by Rev. Hendricks at the Church of Christ in Vestaburg.

The Seniors and Juniors of the Vestaburg high school are expecting to give their dramas in the near future.

Hiram Bunker is suffering considerably from injuries to his hand, while buzzing wood, the fingers of the hand being caught in the saw and the ends of these members taken off.

ELWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Whitford are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Miss Doris Slingluff spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marlie Slingluff.

Several from here attended the movies at Alma Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Theo Greenhoe is able to be out again.

Chas. Greenhoe is better at this writing.

Leo Gee was an Alma caller Saturday.

Gale Vibber is spending the week with relatives at Breckenridge.

Frank Gee and Robt. Havens drove to Ionia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Lindstrom entertained the Pedro Club Wednesday evening. Mrs. Archie Fairchild and Ralph Densmore won first prizes, Mrs. Ralph Densmore and Jason Church, the consolation. A delicious lunch was served. All report a good time.

August Junda had an auction sale at Alma Saturday.

Mrs. Sherd Romine was an Alma caller Wednesday.

Several from here attended the Keibler sale south of town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Josen Church and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Havens and children were Alma callers Friday.

Jacob Freed and Miss Gladys Charter of Sumner were united in marriage by Rev. L. L. Dewey at the M. E. parsonage at Ithaca Monday. They will reside on their farm here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Olmstead, Mrs. Marlie Slingluff, and Miss Bessie Small were in Saginaw Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murphy and daughters, Dorothy and Doris, were in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Strait entertained Mrs. Strait's sister and husband from Carson City several days last week.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for Sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primaries Sept. 12, 1922. If nominated and elected to the office I will give my entire time and attention to its duties.

Ed. M. Struble,
Arcadia Township.
(Political Advertisement)

ITHACA

The homecoming of the Presbyterian church was largely attended, there being 350 present. The company began assembling early Thursday afternoon and a short time before supper a communion service was held. There followed a short program, the serving of a supper and a program in the evening. Those who came from a distance for the homecoming, were Dr. I. N. Monfort and daughter, Dorothy, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCall, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. C. A. Price of Ann Arbor; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Long of Coldwater; Rev. William Long of Mason; Rev. Durfee of Ohio, and Rev. Louis Brooks of Milford.

Miss Emma Hamilton returned recently to Grand Rapids, after spending several weeks with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hamilton.

The cafeteria supper at the Methodist church Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Epworth League and Sunday school was fairly well attended. The proceeds were over \$26. A contest between the boys and girls of the Epworth League is now in progress. Membership, attendance, paid up dues, visitors, church membership, are among the things winning points. Each Sunday evening service is preceded by a social hour opening at 5:15.

Mrs. G. T. Brown has returned from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Braddock, and family in Tawas City.

Dewey Gibbs returned recently from Florida where he spent several weeks.

Deo Davis and wife have removed from Detroit to Ithaca, where he will be associated with his brother George in the Ford garage.

Mrs. Roy Cawdrey will entertain the next meeting of the Delphian club on Monday evening, March 27.

Mrs. Cora Pettit is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Casement, at Flint.

Mrs. Emily Setchfield who has been spending several weeks with her son, Floyd Barnes, and family, returned Thursday to her home in Fenton.

Mrs. E. S. Dean is spending a few days with her son, E. A. Rowley, in Owosso.

The South division of the Aid society of the Methodist church held a meeting Wednesday with Mrs. George Davis.

Miss Lara Coleman entertained 18 boys and girls of the seventh grade at a St. Patrick's party Wednesday evening, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coleman. Games were enjoyed, refreshments served and each guest was presented a shamrock favor.

Floyd Coss of Detroit spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coss.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavy Sigabee, of Flint, were guests from Friday until Sunday, of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Roberts.

Mrs. Florence Gilles of Highland Park, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. P. Hoffman.

Rev. R. G. Hopkins, pastor of the Jefferson avenue Methodist church, will be one of the speakers at the Ithaca Father and Son banquet to be held at the Ithaca Methodist church Friday night.

Mrs. Ella Hartshorn of Grand Rapids, field secretary for the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, spoke at the Thursday evening service. Accompanying her were Mrs. Ezra Smith, Mrs. George Weatherbee and Mrs. Beverly, of Alma.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Cook.

Dr. E. C. Warriner, president of the State Normal of Mt. Pleasant, gave an address on school consolidation at a banquet Friday evening at the Methodist church. An excellent menu was served by members of the W. M. B. class of the Methodist church.

Miss Sara Brodbeck, Mrs. C. A. Price and Mrs. E. D. Hamilton attended a St. Patrick's party of the Shriners, at Alma Friday.

SOUTHEAST COE

Father and son day was postponed last Sunday on account of the storm. It will be observed next Sunday.

There will be a musical entertainment at the Coe Church March 29 in the evening by Mr. Yinger's singing class and outside talent. Program as follows: Yinger's quartet, three numbers, two male quartettes, male chorus, Ladies' quartette, several single numbers.

The sale at H. E. Leonard's yesterday was largely attended.

S. M. Robinson of Saginaw made a business trip here Monday.

Mrs. Robinson of Belding is visiting friends around Coe this week.



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ELY DISTRICT

Myron Wilse and family have moved on the Messinger farm.

Warren Simmons helped to move his son Nelson, who lives west of Alma, to Mt. Pleasant Saturday of last week.

One of the items last week read: Mr. L. S. Chapman has been quite poorly of late. It should have been "Mrs. Chapman" instead of "Mr. Chapman."

Jimmie Sminianek has been unable to attend school for some time on account of being sick.

Mrs. D. Brown's health is much improved at this writing.

A number from this vicinity attended the auction sale at Smith & Walston's last week Wednesday.

Please Settle Promptly

Having disposed of our coal business here we must ask that our patrons who are owing us, call at our temporary office with Blakely & Ward, over Wright's furniture store, and settle or arrange for the settlement of their bills. We would ask that this be done promptly.

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